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1. ITALY: Developments in relations with Yugoslavia--US Ambassador Dunn in Rome has been informed by the Italian Foreign Office that reparation negotiations are being resumed with Yugoslavia as a means of keeping "the door open for eventual broader conversations." According to Dunn's informant, this tactic is being championed by Foreign Minister Sforza, who is encountering opposition at lower Foreign Office levels to any negotiation with Yugoslavia until all pending issues can be approached simultaneously.

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2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Pressure against US Embassy continues--US Ambassador Briggs in Prague reports that, as a result of continuing pressure by Czechoslovak authorities, a large number of the Embassy's local employees have resigned. Briggs adds that pressure against local Embassy employees is being maintained and estimates that the resignation of a considerable number of additional clerical employees is inevitable.

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